

REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Final Rejection mailed November 17, 2009, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. Reconsideration of these issues, in view of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 19 and 31 have been indicated as being allowable, if placed in independent form and overcoming the rejections under 35 USC 112. In fact, in as much as claim 16 has not been subjected to a rejection under 35 USC 112, it can be seen that placing of claim 16 in independent form, and the amendments of claims 19 and 31 to depend thereon, obviates all issues of record. It is noted that these amendments have been made for business reasons, in order to expedite prosecution. It is respectfully accordingly submitted the claims are in condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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